MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): What is the distance between Arukutty and Shertala?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): It may be 10 or 12 miles.

MR. E V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*); Is it safe to entrust Rs. 2,000 to these people and allow them to walk?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*); It is not one peon alone. A Petty Officer and a cooly also go.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Is the Petty Officrs given T. A.?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Are the higher officers, such as Inspectors and Assistant Commissioners, obliged to walk any distance for any particular purpose?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): When they have no conveyances they may have to walk. They are given the usual Travelling Allowance.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Have they to walk?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes, they have to walk.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Have they to walk 25 miles?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I do not think that question arises.

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivadrum-Urban*): I bow to your ruling. But I may point out it is not for any official member to say that a supplementary question does not arise.

PRESIDENT: Any member may point that out.

Taxation in kind in the Edappalli Edavaka.

79.* **MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there have been representations for the abolition of taxation in kind in the Edappalli Edavaka;

(*b*) have the Government taken any steps in the matter; and

(*c*) if so, what was the decision arrived at?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) The Chief was requested to view the matter liberally and to alleviate the hardships and improve the condition of the tenants.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the date on which those representations were made in the S. M. P. A. and also by memorials?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There were memorials since 1932.

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MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the places from which those representations were made ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Edapalli and Tiruvalla.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know whether any enquiries were made on these ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes. A letter was sent to the Edapalli Chief.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the name of those *pakuthies* in which taxation in kind exists ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I am not able to say what the particular *pakuthies* are.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know whether the member is aware of the fact that in Travancore, Government have abolished taxation in kind ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The member is giving information.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know whether the Regulations and Proclamations of Travancore are applicable to the Edavaka ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, the Rent Recovery Regulation applies.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Are the Government aware of the fact that they have fixed a commutation rate ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The member is giving information.

PRESIDENT : That is for the Chair to decide, Mr. George.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know whether the Government have any objection in fixing the rate per *para* of paddy to be paid to the Chief ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government cannot order over the head of the Chief. His consent also is necessary.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : Is the member in a position to tell me whether Government have any control over the Edapalli Chief ?

PRESIDENT : That is a general question.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : The member stated that Government sent a letter to the Edapalli Chief requesting him to abolish tax in kind. I want to know whether Government were in order in sending a letter to the Chief or in asking the Edapalli Chief to act in a particular way.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I think the Government was in order.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്ന നിയോഗിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ജമാബന്തിപരിശോധന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥൻ ഇടപ്പള്ളിസ്വരൂപത്തിലെ വസ്തുക്കാം സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്ന പകുതികളിലെ കണക്കുപരിശോധിക്കാറുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : അങ്ങിനെ പരിശോധിക്കുന്നതിന്ന ജമാബന്തിഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർക്ക് അധികാരം നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : റവന്യൂ റിക്കവറി റെഗുലേഷൻ ബാധിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാപകുതികളിലേയും കണക്കുപരിശോധിക്കുന്നതിന്ന അവക്കധികാരമില്ലേ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : കരം നെല്ലായിട്ടുപിരിക്കുന്നതിനെസംബന്ധിച്ചും മറും വല്ലസങ്കടവും ഇടപ്പള്ളിസ്വരൂപംവക വസ്തുക്കളിൽ താമസിക്കുന്ന തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ പ്രജകൾക്കുണ്ടായിരുന്നാൽ അതു പരിഹരിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നതിന്ന ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്ന വല്ല അധികാരവുമുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is just what the Government did. Government made representation to the Chief on behalf of the tenants and the Government heard his reply when he represented his case. Seeing the justification of his point of view, Government dropped the matter for the present, after giving him strong advice.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : ഇടപ്പള്ളിസ്വരൂപത്തിൽനിന്നും വരുന്ന മറുപടി തൃപ്തികരമല്ലെന്നുകണ്ടാൽ ജനങ്ങളുടെ ആവശ്യമനുസരിച്ച് ഇടപ്പള്ളിസ്വരൂപത്തിൽനിന്നുംചെയ്യിക്കുന്നതിന് ഗവണ്മെൻറിന് വല്ല അധികാരവുമുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No direct power. But we can press the Edapalli Chief and point out to him the possibility of withdrawing certain concessions granted to him in other respects.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : ഗവണ്മെൻറിനധികാരമില്ലാതെ നിർബന്ധിക്കുന്നതെങ്ങിനെയാണ്?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Edapalli Chief cannot be forced by Government to do a particular thing.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഒരിക്കൽ സാധിച്ചുകിട്ടിയില്ലെങ്കിൽ ഒരിക്കൽക്കൂടി എഴുതിഅയച്ചു പരിശ്രമിച്ചുനോക്കാമെന്നേയുള്ളൂ അല്ലേ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ഇടപ്പള്ളിചീഫിനെ നിർബന്ധിക്കാൻ നിയമസിദ്ധമായ അധികാരം ഗവണ്മെൻറിനുണ്ടോ എന്നു സംശയമാണ്. എന്നാൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറു ചില ഒത്താശകൾ ഇടപ്പള്ളിസ്വരൂപത്തിലേക്കു ചെയ്തുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതു പിൻവലിക്കാനുള്ള അധികാരം ഗവണ്മെൻറിനുണ്ട്.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): അപ്പോൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറു ചെയ്തുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള ഒത്താശകൾ പിൻവലിച്ചുകളയുമെന്നു ഭയപ്പെടുത്തിയാൽമാത്രമേ ചീഫിനെകൊണ്ടു ഗവണ്മെൻറാവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നകാര്യം സാധിക്കുകയുള്ളൂ അല്ലേ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അങ്ങിനെയാണെന്നാണ് അറിവ്.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): പണ്ടാരവക വസ്തുക്കൾ അനുഭവിക്കുന്നവരുടെ സങ്കടങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവണ്മെൻറു നിവാരണം ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതുപോലെ ഇടപ്പള്ളിസ്വരൂപംവക വസ്തുക്കളിൽ താമസിക്കുന്നവരുടെ സങ്കടങ്ങൾക്കും നിവാരണം ഉണ്ടാക്കാൻ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ഇടപ്പള്ളിചീഫുതന്നെ ഏതാനും നിവാരണമാർഗ്ഗങ്ങൾ ചെയ്തുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നാണെന്റെ അറിവ്. അതെത്രമാത്രം ജനങ്ങൾക്കു തൃപ്തികരമായിരിക്കുന്നുഎന്നറിഞ്ഞതിനുശേഷം വേണമല്ലോ മറ്റു പരിഹാരമാർഗ്ഗങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി നിശ്ചയിക്കാൻ.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): നെല്ലുതന്നെ കരമായിട്ടുകൊടുക്കുന്നതു പ്രയാസമാണെന്നു കണ്ടിട്ടല്ലേ നമ്മുടെ ഗവണ്മെൻറു നെൽക്കരം നിറുത്തൽചെയ്തതു്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): .ആകാലത്തു അങ്ങിനെ മാറി; ഇപ്പോൾ നെല്ലുതന്നെയും കൊടുക്കുന്നതു തൃപ്തിയാണെന്നാണ് ജനങ്ങൾ പറയുന്നതു്.

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MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): How long is it since the Rent Recovery Regulation was made applicable to the Edapalli Chief?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): From the year the Regulation was passed.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): I want the year from which the Regulation was made applicable in the realisation of revenue.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 1060.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): What is the commutation rate at which rent realisation was effected by the Chief?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot hear the member.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): The member was saying that the rules were made applicable by the Chief for realising arrears of rent ever since the Rent Recovery Regulation was in force. May I know, what was the commutation rate fixed for the purpose of realisation of arrears of revenue so far as it related to the Edapalli Chief? Was it at the commutation rate prevailing at that time, or, was it the rate which Government had adopted for the same, or, was it that the Govevnment interfered and fixed some arbitrary rate which was considered to be reasonable?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) I claim notice.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Knnnatnad I*): May I know whether. the revenue collected by the Edapalli Chief is treated as public revenue?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Rent Recovery Regulation is specifically made applicable to the Edapalli Chief. The recovery is not made under the Revenue Recovery Regulation.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): I have not clearly understood the member.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Revenue Recovery Regulation is for the collection of public revenue. The Rent Recovery Regulation is for the collection of revenue by the Chief.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know whether the revenue collected by the Chief is treated as public revenue?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is the Edapalli Chief's revenue.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Then is it a rent?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is regarded as rent due to him.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): So it is *not* public revenue?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. P. K NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): The Rent Recovery Regulation is made applicable to the Edapalli as well as Kilimanur Chief?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): What is the practice in Kilimanur? Is the rent being paid in kind?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know whether the Government were satisfied with the explanation offered by the Edapalli Chief that there was no hardship caused to the people by him?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was stated by him that some remedy was done to mitigate the hardship of the tenants. Government were satisfied with that and they are watching how far it alleviates the suffering of the tenants.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know what he has done to remedy the hardship of the tenants?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Rent is being recovered in money at the market rate.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I take it that it is not levied in kind but in money?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. Tenants have the right to pay in money as well as in kind.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): That being the practice, do the Government think it advisable to ask the Chief hereafter to levy the rent only in money?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have asked him to consider that suggestion very seriously. In reply he has said that the fixing of a commutation rate at all times would be quite unacceptable because it will affect his purse.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): So am I to understand that Government have greater consideration for the Chief's purse than for the hardship of the people.?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They ought to have consideration to the Chief also.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): So Government have more consideration to the purse of the Chief than to the hardship of the people?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government had in mind the hardships of the people when they made a strong representation to the Chief.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government make a further representation to the Chief that it would be advisable to levy the rent in money instead of in kind?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He is recovering from tenants who are prepared to pay only in money.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government say that that is the only possibility to levy the rent?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Chief does not insist on payment in kind.

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MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli* 1) : Cannot the Chief compel the tenants to receive in money?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Chief can levy up to a certain limit in kind. If the tenant defaults, the only remedy is to receive it in money?

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : The tenant has to pay in money only when he defaults. Do not Government think it advisable not to make the tenant default, and then to pay rent in money or in the alternative to ask the Chief to levy rent only in money?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That *is* what the Government did.

MR. K. SANKANAN (*Kartikapalli* 1): Have the Government got a reply to say that he is not going to accept payments in money?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Chief says that levying in money at a fixed commutation rate would seriously injure the Chief's purse. For the time being, Government have accepted his assurance. He has further said that grievances of the tenants are being redressed.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : If any further representations are received from the tenants that the Chief's actions are causing more hardship to them, will the Government make a further representation and ask the Chief to consider the matter.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government will watch the actions of the Chief and then if necessary do the needful in the matter.

Opening of a Vernacular Training School for North Travancore.

80. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Governmant be pleased to state whether there is any representation for opening a Vernacular Training School for North Travancore either at Alwaye or at Parur?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : The answer in the affirmative.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the number of vernacular schools at Kottayam?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I will refer the member to the Administration Report of the department.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Is there a Vernacular Training school at Tiruvalla?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Is there another one at Changanachery?

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